

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 1-11 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the recited subject matter.

Please ADD new claims 12-20, as follows. For the Examiner's convenience, all claims currently pending have been reproduced below.

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (New) An apparatus comprising:

    a user interface configured for a user to perform an operation of said apparatus;  
    a sensor arranged at said user interface and configured to detect whether a user exists within a predetermined distance from said sensor; and  
    a processor configured to determine, based on an output of said sensor, whether a change from an existence of a user to an absence of the user has occurred, and to limit an item operable from said user interface if it is determined that the change has occurred.

13. (New) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said processor is configured to minimize a number of the items if it is determined that the change has occurred.

14. (New) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said processor is configured to set the item based on a predetermined operation from said user interface.

15. (New) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the predetermined operation includes an input operation for user authentication.

16. (New) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said processor is configured to set the item based on a user authenticated due to the input operation.

17. (New) An apparatus to claim 12, wherein said processor is configured to change the item to an input operation for user authentication if it is determined that the change has occurred.

18. (New) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said apparatus is an exposure apparatus for transferring a pattern of a reticle to a wafer.

19. (New) A method of manufacturing a device, said method comprising steps of:

transferring a pattern of a reticle to a wafer using an exposure apparatus;

developing the exposed substrate; and

processing the developed substrate to manufacture the device,

the exposure apparatus including:

(i) a user interface configured for a user to perform an operation of the apparatus;

(ii) a sensor arranged at the user interface and configured to detect whether a user exists within a predetermined distance from the sensor; and

(iii) a processor configured to determine, based on an output of the sensor, whether a change from an existence of a user to an absence of the user has occurred, and

to limit an item operable from the user interface if it is determined that the change has occurred.

20. (New) A method comprising steps of:

detecting, by use of a sensor arranged at a user interface of an apparatus, whether a user exists within a predetermined distance from the sensor, the user interface being configured for a user to perform an operation of the apparatus;

determining, based on a detection in said detecting step, whether a change from an existence of a user to an absence of the user has occurred; and

changing an item operable from the user interface if it is determined in said determining step that the change has occurred.